

## THE COMING CONVENTION.

Republican Leaders are to Hold a Conference in

## THE INTEREST OF HARMONY.

How the Booms are Prospering—The Field Still Open—An Undercurrent for Allison and Goff—Political Pointers.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.—A highly important conference of Republican leaders is to be held Saturday in Chicago. Nearly all the Republican Senators and probably fifty Representatives will leave here Thursday night by a special train and are to join another special from New York. The object of the conference is to bring about a good understanding among contending interests to secure harmony. A number of leading New York Republicans, including ex-Senator Platt, Whitelaw Reid and ex-Senator Warner Miller, are expected to be present.

A leading Republican who knows what is going on, tells me to-night that this conference will be big with importance, that the reconciliation of factional differences in New York will be made more complete, while a cordial understanding looking to a unity of final action will be promoted. He says there will be no date making in the conference, but its object is to outline for the convention an action that will harmonize with the dominant issue, the tariff.

The Sherman men here are confident, but there is a strong undercurrent running to Allison, Blaine's favorite, with Warner Miller or Goff for second.

## THE CHICAGO END.

The Convention Held Ready—Gossip About the Organization.

CHICAGO, June 12.—To-night the 3,000 electric lights in the great hall of the Republican National Convention were turned on for the first time. The scene presented was truly magnificent. The showing-up of the initial proceedings of the convention itself was accomplished in a different way. It was largely brought about by the arrival of leading members of the Republican National Committee. The presidential committee, composed of the convention, who would be chosen for temporary chairman and who for permanent has up to this evening been the deepest sort of a mystery.

It is now pretty certain apparently that one of the officers will be Senator Warner Miller, of New York, the other John M. Thurston, who heads the delegation from Nebraska. Should Miller be chosen for Temporary Chairman, Thurston will be made President and vice versa. There is some mention of Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, for one of the two places.

## MR. DEWEY'S CANDIDACY.

He Talks Pleasantly and Frankly About His Position.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The Times publishes the following interview with Mr. Dewey.

"Major Bundy, of the Mail and Express, is quoted as saying that in reply to a question as to whether or not you will accept the nomination you said: 'I should, who would not?'"

"That is exactly what I said in Major Bundy's presence," replied Mr. Dewey, "and that explains my position exactly. If the nomination should be tendered me by the convention, I would accept it. Who would not? I don't desire the nomination; I do not want it, but there is something more than personal wishes to be considered. If the leaders of the party decide that I should be the man to head the ticket, I think it would be my duty to waive all personal matters and for the good of the party of the country, perhaps, accept the nomination. Who would not? I don't think it would be my duty to refuse it?"

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## THE TARIFF DEBATE

Takes a Lively Turn in the House of Representatives.

## SCOTT APPLIES THE GAG LAW.

But is Called to Time by Pig Iron Kelley—Senate Proceedings.

West Virginia Matters at the National Capitol.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.—In the House Mr. Taubee, of Kentucky, called up as the regular order of business the resolution reported yesterday from the Committee on Postoffice, calling on the Postmaster General for a tabular statement of disallowed postmasters' claims presented from the State of Kentucky, under the act of March 3, 1883.

The report on the resolution is an adverse one and the recommendation is that it lie upon the table. The minority of the committee, however, filed a report in favor of the resolution with the recommendation that the words "from the State of Kentucky" be stricken out and the resolution be made general.

After a debate which consumed a half hour's time, the majority report was agreed to and the resolution was laid upon the table.

Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, called up the report of the Committee on Elections on the contested election case of Frank W. Glover, from the Ninth Congressional District of Missouri, and the accompanying resolution affirming the right of Mr. Glover, the sitting member, to the seat, was adopted without division.

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## WEST VIRGINIANS IN WASHINGTON.

A Delicate Operation—Political Gossip.

Mr. Hogg's Interesting Campaign.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.—Hugh Caperton, of Monroe county, a brother of the ex-Senator, has undergone successfully a very delicate and dangerous surgical operation at Baltimore for abscess in the ear. He has recovered sufficiently to go home, and is here to-night.

Senator Kenna called the Democratic National Congress Committee to order to-night, and they had a lively pow-wow without doing very much.

General Goff has returned from Clarksburg. Colonel Wilson ditto. Colonel Ben "doesn't know" anything whatever of the case for the West District Democratic nomination. He is feeling first rate.

The report here is that Jackson didn't scoop Hogg as badly in Wayne as anticipated, and that Gibson showed unexpected strength. There is great interest here in Hogg's battle.

HON. S. B. ELKINS HONORED By the Military Company Bearing His Name—A Pleasant Affair.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., June 12.—The Elkins Guards, named in honor of the Hon. S. B. Elkins, tendered that distinguished gentleman a reception here this evening, to which a large number of leading citizens were invited by special invitation. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins were on their return from Morgantown to the east. While in town they were the guests of Hon. A. B. Fleming and wife. The Guards were out in full force with the Armstrong concert band in the lead and their efficient drum corps. The distinguished party was driven to Armory Hall in the carriage, the Guards constituting the escort. Upon arrival at the hall, the company was brought to a parade rest, and after a brief address from Mr. Elkins that gentleman and his wife were formally presented to each member of the command. The company then broke ranks and those assembled were introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Elkins. The hall was very tastefully decorated in honor of the occasion, and the affair was in all respects a most pleasant event.

A GREAT RAILROAD SCHEME. A Line from New York to Chicago—Norvin Green's Letter.

NEW YORK, June 12.—There have been a good many inquiries lately about a new railroad projected to run between New York and Chicago, known as the "Mahoning & Pennsylvania," or properly as the "New York, Mahoning & Western Railroad." To meet these a gentleman addressed Dr. Norvin Green, who was elected President of the company, recently a letter of inquiry, and received the following reply:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO., NEW YORK, June 12, 1888.

MY DEAR SIR: Referring to your note of this date I have been elected President of the New York, Mahoning & Western Railroad Company, and after some delay in examining the merits of the undertaking and reaching the conclusion that it was a good enterprise, have accepted the position.

I believe that the company will have no serious difficulty in raising funds for the early completion of their line of road across the State of Ohio, eastward to the Pennsylvania line, near Youngstown, and westward through Indiana as far as Ellettsburg.

It is contemplated that this line of road shall form part of the long project of American Midland Railway from New York to Chicago, or near the forty-first parallel, and on which much work has been done in various places.

Sincerely yours, NORVIN GREEN.

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. The Great Conclave in Cincinnati—Important Matters to be Considered.

CINCINNATI, O., June 12.—The fifteenth biennial convocation of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, began its session to-day. It is understood the Supreme Chancellor will recommend in his report the expulsion of the rebellious Pennsylvania officers. The subject will occupy much time. Probably 15,000 to 20,000 Pythians have arrived.

THE FLINT GLASS SITUATION. PITTSBURGH, PA., June 12.—A representative member of the Flint Glass Workers' Union in speaking of the report that the Eastern members would ask for a ten per cent advance in wages, said: "As yet nothing has been decided upon. But if there is any change whatever in the present list it will be an advance. The event it will apply not only to the Eastern members of the union, but throughout the country. The glass trade is in a good condition at present, which is largely due to the working off of stock during the strike."

Death of Mrs. Col. Forsythe. CHICAGO, June 12.—A telegram has been received in this city announcing the death at Fort Riley, Kansas, from heart disease, of Mrs. Forsythe, wife of Col. Jas. W. Forsythe, United States Army. Deceased was before her marriage Miss Lizzie Dennison, and was a daughter of Ex-Governor Dennison, of Ohio.

Harrison Garrett's Body Found. BALTIMORE, Md., June 12.—The body of T. Harrison Garrett, who was drowned on Thursday night last by the sinking of his yacht, the Gleam, has been recovered. It was found a mile distant from the spot where the accident occurred. The steamer Nanticoke brought the remains to Baltimore.

Millers National Association. BUFFALO, N. Y., June 12.—The twelfth annual convention of the Millers' National Association was convened in Music Hall at 10:30 this morning by President C. H. Seyth, of Highland, Ills. There were fully 200 members of the craft present.

Baltimore's Population. BALTIMORE, Md., June 12.—The police department has just finished taking a census of the population of Baltimore, including the newly annexed section. The result shows the number of inhabitants to be 416,805, of which 64,509 are colored.

A Distinguished Man Dead. LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 12.—Judge Joseph Bigger, member of the Paducah City Council, fell back dead in his chair at the meeting of that body last week. Apoplexy was the cause. He was in 1880 Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Jay Gould Is Well. KAY, Okla., June 12.—Jay Gould and party were driven about the city to-day. Mr. Gould appeared to be in good spirits and fair health, and during the drive over the city laughed at the newspaper stories making him out dangerously ill.

## ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

At the State University Attracting Great Crowds.

## CO-EDUCATION OF THE SEXES

Defeated by Filibustering Regents, in Face of a Majority in its Favor—Prize Contest—A Pleasant Episode, &c.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MORGANTOWN, W. VA., June 12.—The Board of Regents to-day established the Experiment Station, with headquarters at the University. Three thousand dollars was appropriated for building purposes, with \$8,000 for a laboratory and agricultural library established in each Senatorial district under the direction of the resident Regent.

A lively discussion was had on a resolution offered by Col. D. D. Johnson opening the school to both sexes. Mr. Farnsworth, of Buckhannon, strenuously opposed the resolution, and, although there was a majority in favor of co-education, the opposition defeated the measure by filibustering until train time, when a grand rush was made for the train and a quorum of voting members not present, some having paid before leaving. It is thought to be only a question of time until the University will be open to both sexes, and there are regrets expressed that the measure was not adopted when a decided majority was in favor of it.

MORGANTOWN OVERHEARS. The weather is all that could be desired and the crowd is assuming colossal proportions. Already the hotels are well filled, beside the great numbers being entertained by friends and relatives residing in the city. The attendance thus far is from the various parts of the State, and when to this number are added almost the entire population of Monongalia and adjoining counties, Morgantown will assume a metropolitan air.

The exercises have been far above the average commencement programme and have attracted people from the most remote parts of the State. Hon. S. B. Elkins, who delivered the annual address to the literary societies, leaves with the warmest feelings of gratitude to the people of Morgantown. During the brief visit Mr. and Mrs. Elkins they have won the warmest friends, and the University will be greatly benefited by their presence.

A YEAR OF PROSPERITY. Strangers are surprised when they reach here to learn of the substantial success of the West Virginia University. The past year 193 have been enrolled, representing five States and thirty-four counties of our own State. Ohio county has the second largest attendance in this State, fourteen being enrolled from that county. Wood, Preston, Harrison counties follow in regular order. The faculty is composed of fifteen members, and another assistant in the preparatory department will be added. The Experiment Station will add four or five additional members, one of whom has been selected. Reviewing the history of the school for the past year, and seeing the steady growth in numbers and the higher standard of education adopted, everything indicates a brilliant future for the State University of West Virginia.

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At the presentation of the reception given by the commandant to the cadet corps, Adjutant J. E. Brown, in behalf of the corps, presented the worthy officer with a handsome U. S. A. line regulation sword, as a token of the esteem and high appreciation of his services while detailed here for duty. On one side of the sword blade was engraved "U. S. A." while the other bore the inscription "Presented by the W. V. U. Cadet Corps to Lieut. J. L. Wilson, June 12, 1888." Lieut. Wilson made a feeling reply, and accepted the gift in the spirit in which it was given.

THE PRIZE CONTEST. This evening the long-looked-for contest between the Columbian and Parthenon Literary Societies took place at Commencement Hall. The friends of the contestants and friends of the societies turned out en-masse and crowded the magnificent hall. The character of the performances and the ability of the contestants gave satisfaction to every dollar of the prize money would be earnestly battled for, and such was the case. The following is the programme:

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A Peabody Institute. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. RICHMOND, C. H., W. VA., June 12.—A Peabody District Institute convened here at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Prof. William H. Payne, Chancellor of the University of Tennessee, at Nashville, and Prof. S. B. Brown, of the Glenville Normal school. One hundred and thirty-nine teachers are already enrolled, and at least thirty more will be in later. Among those from a distance are County Superintendent S. G. Pyle, of Tyler county.

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## MRS. SHERIDAN DEAD.

The Mother of the Great General Passed Away at Her Home.

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SOMERSET, O., June 12.—Mrs. Sheridan, mother of General Phil Sheridan, died at 1:30 this afternoon at the age of eighty-seven years and two months.

Mrs. Sheridan was born in county Cavan, Ireland, came to the United States in 1828 and to Ohio in 1832.

GENERAL SHERIDAN'S CONDITION. No Change Last Night—An Encouraging Bulletin Issued by the Doctors.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.—There is no change to be observed in General Sheridan's condition. It continues to be substantially the same. His pulse is 104 to 106, of fair volume and tension. He coughs very little and his respiration remains irregular. He takes plenty of nourishment without indications of failure of digestion or assimilation.

W. M. O'REILLY, M. D., MATTHEWS, H. C. YARBROW. There will not be another bulletin issued until to-morrow morning. The General has not been informed of the death of his mother.

May be Something in a Name. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. RICHMOND, C. H., June 12.—The fact that all of the recent military appropriation goes to the Third District has excited some comment here and no little dissatisfaction.

It has the two oldest companies in the State, the Goff Guards and the McLean Guards, and feel that they ought not to be wholly overlooked in the distribution of funds or equipments, which are not yet fully supplied. The boys are not very far from it, after all, something more in a name than appears on the surface.

THE LOCUST PEST. Appearance of Large Swarms in the West. Where the Plague May be Looked For.

CHICAGO, June 12.—Dispatches from points in Northern Iowa and Western Illinois, report the appearance of swarms of seventeen year locusts.

Prof. C. V. Riley, United States Entomologist, who is at present in Chicago, when asked about the locusts said that a well known brood occurs this year, and this periodical visitor may be looked for in portions of Illinois and Iowa, and also in the following territory, as indicated by the experience of 1871:

Wisconsin—Waukesha, Walworth, Jefferson, Rock, Grant, Dane, Iowa—Grant, Crawford, Richmond and Sank counties.

Indiana.—The boundary in this State is well defined, but includes the extreme northwest counties, extending as far as Hancock.

Michigan.—In this State, the southern tier of counties, extending from Lake Michigan east to the middle of the State.

Pennsylvania.—Lancaster county, the southern by eastern portion, known as the "Pegua Valley." This locality was not verified in 1871, although there is no doubt of the appearance of the insect in immense numbers in 1854.

In reply to a question as to whether the grasshopper pest due to be destructive this year the Professor could not express a positive opinion. Up to three years ago, he had been able to confidently state the prospects in advance, but since that time he has been unable to furnish sufficient data as to the extent of egg deposits to justify a prediction. He has just received a telegram from the office of the United States Entomologist, which indicates a brilliant future for the State University of West Virginia.

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Ask for a Receipt. HARRISBURG, Pa., June 12.—The Board of Pardons last night decided to ask Governor Beaver to respite Samuel Johnson, under sentence of death for the murder of Farmer Sharpless, in Delaware county, on October 12, to enable the Board to further investigate the case presented by the condemned man's counsel in the appeal for pardon.

Missouri Prohibitionists. KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 12.—The Prohibition State Convention assembled in the Gillis Opera House this morning. After performing a preliminary organization, a recess was taken until 2 p. m. Two hundred and fifty delegates and an equal number of visitors are in attendance.

Shot by His Son. BALTIMORE, June 12.—Peter Alt, proprietor of the Arlington House, near the Pimlico race track, was shot and almost instantly killed last night at 9 o'clock, by his son William, aged 15 years. The shooting took